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## 58/12. University for Peace

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 56/2 of 22 October 2001, in which it recalled that, in its resolution 34/111 of 14 December 1979, it had approved the idea of establishing the University for Peace as a specialized international centre for higher education, research and the dissemination of knowledge relative to peace and its universal promotion within the United Nations system, and in which it also recalled its resolution 35/55 of 5 December 1980, in which it approved the establishment of the University for Peace, as well as all preceding resolutions on this item,

*Noting* that in 1991 the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme, established a Trust Fund for Peace consisting of voluntary contributions in order to provide the University with the means necessary to extend its sphere of activity to the whole world, taking full advantage of its potential capacity for education, research and support of the United Nations and to carry out its mandate of promoting peace in the world,

*Noting with appreciation* the vigorous actions taken by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and with the encouragement and support of the Government of Costa Rica, to revitalize the University,[1]

*Recognizing* the important and varied activities carried out by the University during the period from 2001 to 2003, with the valuable assistance and contributions of Governments, foundations and non-governmental organizations, in particular the progress made in the development and implementation of the academic programme and the expansion of its scope worldwide as part of a five-year programme of expansion and revitalization,

*Noting with satisfaction* the activities directed towards expanding the University's educational and research programmes to Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Central Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean,

*Also noting with satisfaction* the progress made in the development of teaching programmes at the master's level, short courses, programmes to disseminate course

[1] See A/54/312, para. 2.

materials and distance education and the establishment of a digital library on peace-related issues,

*Noting* that the University has placed special emphasis on the areas of conflict prevention, peacekeeping, peace-building and the peaceful settlement of disputes, and that it has launched programmes in the areas of democratic consensus-building and the techniques of peaceful settlement of conflicts,

*Noting also* that the University has launched a broad programme for building a culture of peace in Central America and the Caribbean in the context of the efforts being made by the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the development and promotion of a culture of peace,

*Noting with appreciation* the intensifying collaboration between the University and organizations and agencies of the United Nations, particularly the United Nations University, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Department of Political Affairs and the Department for Disarmament Affairs of the Secretariat, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and others,

*Considering* the importance of promoting education that fosters peaceful coexistence among people, including respect for the life, dignity and integrity of human beings, irrespective of their nationality, race, sex, religion or culture, as well as friendship and solidarity among peoples,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General outlining the progress made in revitalizing the University for Peace, especially in regard to implementation of the five-year programme of expansion and revitalization;[2]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in view of the important work of the University for Peace and its potential role in developing new concepts and approaches to security through research and dialogue in order to respond effectively to emerging threats to peace, to consider further ways to strengthen cooperation between the United Nations and the University for Peace;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to consider using the services of the University as part of his conflict-resolution and peace-building efforts and in the promotion of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace;[3]

4. *Invites* Member States, intergovernmental bodies, non-governmental organizations and interested individuals to contribute to the Trust Fund for Peace or to the budget of the University;

5. *Invites* Member States to accede to the International Agreement for the Establishment of the University for Peace,[4] thereby demonstrating their support for an educational institution devoted to the promotion of a universal culture of peace;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "University for Peace".

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[2] A/58/430.

[3] Resolutions 53/243 A and B.

[4] See resolution 35/55, annex.